

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2016
MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: James Vidos, J.P. Hebert, Will Terry, Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, Barry Broussard, Luther Smith, and Wayne Cantrell Jr.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena, CB&I Co.; Patrick Landry, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Dec 11 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Jan 4 special meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Crappell moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Jan 14 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Vidos, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Crappell moved to approve. Following Mr. Terry’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that the Bayou Choupique Flood Protection project is still at a standstill with the land acquisitions. Mr. Miller suggests that instead of seeking CDBG funds that they find some funding contributions, with one being SMLD.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that his office has received the bid for the South Willow Street pump project. Mr. Miller stated the low bid came in under the estimated cost.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported that punch list items for the Franklin Canal Pump Station are still on going and the submittals and as-builts are still outstanding.

Mr. Miller with Miller Engineers reported the Hanson Canal Yellow Bayou projects have been approved for substantial completion and a punch list is ongoing.

Mr. Matte reported that T. Baker Smith’s office received bids for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Improvements Project and the low bidder was Southern Constructors, which was lower than the engineers estimate. Mr. Matte state that a permit has been received by T. Baker Smith’s office but not for the borrow pit; the notice to proceed is anticipated for April or May for that portion. Mr. Matte stated T. Baker Smith’s office is continuing to move forward with Final Design and discussing mitigation for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion. Mr. Matte stated the LA 70 portion Final Design has begun.

Mr. Matte reported the Amelia Backwater repairs have been completed and a substantial completion list is being put together. Mr. Matte report Drainage District #6 has approved a change order to extend some levee improvements due to some more seepage within the levee.

Mr. Pena reported the design for the Bayou Chene project is still ongoing; T. Baker Smith is coordinating with pipeline companies. Mr. Pena stated the USACOE initiated the 408 permitting process and is currently waiting on engineering division to finalize their parts of the process and once that is complete they will be submitting it up to division for approval. Mr. Pena stated his office met with the USACOE 404 permit team and a held a site visit on Jan 21. Mr. Pena reported the “Environmental Document” with socioeconomic information is being drafted as per their request.

Mr. Pena reported his office has submitted the permit application on the Bayou Teche project; all comments from DNR have been addressed. Mr. Pena stated the USACOE analysis requested that mitigation be purchased for the project within 15 days but the deadline has been extended 60 days which is April 4.

Mr. Pena reported on the Bayou Chene closure updates. Mr. Pena reported that the barge was ballasted into position Jan 11 after six 48” pipe piles were driven, sheet pile installation commenced Jan 12 and was completed Jan 15, rip rap from the USACOE arrived Jan 15 and the closure was completed late Jan 16. Mr. Pena stated a removal plan is being drafted and will be presented at the March meeting.

Mr. Matte reported that the final levee inspection reports have been received on some levee section and we will begin the process of addressing those items noted. Mr. Matte stated at the next meeting we expect to unveil the new map tool for the Master Plan. Mr. Matte reported the USACOE continues to process our updated information on the Wax Lake East Levees for LSER. Mr. Matte also reported that on Feb 5 a Federal Emergency Declaration was filed. Mr. Matte reported that the staff has moved office locations to the Government Operations and Emergency Center (EOC) and will be in the Emergency Center until the permanent offices are completed.

Mr. Bourgeois reported St. Mary Parish Government and the Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District have voted to join SMLD on the Avoca Island litigation.

Mr. Hidalgo reported that an amendment to Task Order #5 for CB&I’s additional services has a proposed increase of \$67,246.99 and an amendment to Task Order #6 with an increase for additional services in the amount of \$30,300.00. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign above mentioned amendments, which was seconded by Mr. Broussard and carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported a resolution to continue a State of Emergency and to no longer pay overtime to applicable employees who receive overtime pay during the emergency. Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize the signing of said resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD would like to express appreciation for assistance received from the Louisiana National Guard, USACE, City of Morgan City, Parish of St. Mary, GOHSEP, Port of Morgan City, USCG, DOTD, the Cloutier family, and Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District. Mr. Broussard motioned to authorize the signing of a resolution expressing the appreciation, which was seconded by Mr. Vidos and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any. Mr. Terry moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Crappell and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District